

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, November 25, 1842, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Hermitage, November 25, 1842.

My dear sir, I have received your letter of the 13th and with it the glorious result of the overwhelming victory by the democracy of Newyork, and strong intimations of some success, in that old Federal state Masichusets, by the Newyork standard. Be the result in Messichusets what it may, the overwhelming victory in Newyork, Pennsylvania, ohio, and other states, Clays fate is sealed and Whiggery and Federalism put down for at least twenty years to come. I thank my god that he has [s]pared me to witness this happy result to our beloved country that must preserve our glorious Union and our republican system, and preserve our constitution unimpaired.

From travelling Gentlemen I hear but one opinion, that is, that the great majority of the democracy, will call forth Mr. Van Buren by general convention for the Presidency. It is now plain say they, that VanBuren was slandered and defrauded out of his election in 1840, and it is justice to him and to the great democracy of the Country that those frauds and corruption that caused his defeat should be rebuked in the person of Martin VanBuren. The great democracy of this Union, are a Just and gratefull people and I allways did believe and now believe that Mr. VanBuren will be presented to the nation by the national convention for their candidate for the Presidency. And I assure you, my information from all quarters of the union, warrants me in the belief that he is the strongest man that can be presented—many of the Whiggs in this state now say, great injustice has been done him, that they repent of their last vote for Harrison and will now support him

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—if brought out he will be triumphantly elected, and that by a larger majority, than any other President has attained. I can scarcely hope to live to see the termination of the next Presidential election—should providence will it, and VanBuren elected, and able to travel, I would cheerfully go on, take my constitution carriage and take him in it, to the capitol to be inaugurated, but my dear friend I have but small hopes that I will be spared so long. I find your recollection is good—since you mention it, I recollect the anecdote you name with Mr. Custis. . . .